

Jordan Valley Park

Phoenix Award 2002

East Trafficway, Springfield



BACKGROUND

This 47.5 acre site in the downtown area consisted of 30 properties including former industrial plants and an old limestone quarry. Beginning in the middle 1950s, the quarry was used as a disposal site for demolition wastes, trees and brush material until, in 1973, a fire ignited in the quarry. After the fire, the quarry was limited to non-organic fill. Community planning began in 1994 to revitalize this area, turning it into Springfield's version of a Central Park.



CONTAMINANTS

Methane gas was impacted in the soil in a section of the quarry.



ASSISTANCE

The City of Springfield has received a total of \$650,000 in EPA Assessment Grants. In addition, Springfield has received State Tax Increment Financing.

PROTECTION

As a result of the methane in the soil, a restrictive use covenant, prohibiting the construction of any building, is in place in the affected area of the quarry. In addition, the quarry is being monitored annually for methane activity.

INVESTMENT AND RESULTS

A total of \$87.8 million has been invested thus far include \$4.6 million in infrastructure, \$20 million for a new Minor League baseball stadium and \$23 million for a 16 acre park site that includes an ice arena, arts center, water feature, amphi-theater, trails and open space. \$48,750,000 is going toward redevelopment of an exposition center and building a parking garage.

TIMELINE

Date Application Received: 26 August 1999
Date RAP Received: 13 January 2000
Date Remediation Started: 4 January 2001
Completion Certificate: 14 January 2004

REDEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

A total of 250 acres in downtown Springfield are planned to be revitalized in the Jordan Valley Park area over the next several years, mixing open spaces and buildings, water and meadows, playgrounds and plazas. The city has identified 574 Brownfield sites in this area.

